

NOTICE OF HEARING

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Division of Water Resources

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Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Public Hearing No. PH14-010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing to seek comment concerning an application for a state water quality permit by the City of Franklin to continue withdrawal of drinking water from the Harpeth River. Public comments will be received concerning the proposed permit action described below:

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Location: Police Department Community Room
900 Columbia Avenue
Franklin, TN 37064
Informational Session: 5:30 – 6:30 pm central time
Public Hearing: 6:30 – 8:30 pm central time
Applicant: City of Franklin
Mark Hilty, Water Management Department
405 Hillsboro Road
Franklin, Tennessee 37064
615-794-4554
File Number: NRS12.195

Description: The applicant is requesting an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) that would renew the City of Franklin's permit to withdraw water from the Harpeth River for drinking water. The City held an ARAP (NRS06.332) issued by the Division on November 28, 2007 for withdrawal of drinking water from the Harpeth River. This permit expired on November 27, 2012.

The City owns and operates a water treatment plant (WTP), originally constructed in 1952 with major upgrades completed in 1968 and 1994. The WTP's current rated treatment capacity is 2.1 million gallons per day (mgd). Water withdrawn from the Harpeth River is used to fill an earthen, off-stream, raw water reservoir for later treatment at the WTP.

Issuance of the 2007 ARAP authorized an increase in the pumping capacity to 7,800 gallons per minute (11.2 mgd, 17.38 cubic feet per second). The permit was issued under the conditions that the flow in the Harpeth River shall not be reduced below 10 cubic feet per second as a result of the withdrawal and that water may not be withdrawn at a rate of more than 20 percent of the flow in the river. The 2007 ARAP required removal of a low-head dam located just downstream of the existing intake. Since the issuance of that permit, the City removed the dam and stabilized the river channel at that site. More details on the proposal can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo/docs/water/nrs12-195.pdf>.

Hearing Process: Prior to opening the formal public hearing, an informational session will be held with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") staff. The informational session will have a question and answer format where the public can ask one-on-one questions of TDEC staff and the applicant. Once the formal public hearing begins, the question and answer format will end and all public comments will be collected for the hearing record without response from TDEC during the hearing. TDEC staff will provide written responses to all oral and written comments following the public hearing, prior to making a final determination on the permit action.

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments in order to allow all parties an opportunity to speak, and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and Division of Water Resources issues. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing and for ten working days following the

hearing and will be considered part of the hearing record. If one cannot attend but would like to comment, written comments will be accepted through November 3, 2014.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit, and may inspect and copy related documents at the Division's central office at the address listed above, Attn: Robert Baker, 615-532-0710 or at robert.d.baker@tn.gov.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no less than ten working days prior to October 21, 2014, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

Directions to the hearing location may be found at: <http://mtas.tennessee.edu/Training/Locations/FranklinPD.pdf> .